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## Y.M.C.A. PARLIAMENT.

Another debate of a very interesting character took place at the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society on Tuesday evening on a bill to provide for a graduated income tax for Hongkong. The motion was introduced by Mr. T. Fuller and supported by Messrs R. A. Lowery and E. B. Cubey, while Mr. J. W. Troakes, Captain F. A. Brown and Captain Baker spoke in opposition. The motion was carried by one vote. On Tuesday evening a public inter-debate is to be held between the Y.M.C.A. and the Union Church Literary Club on the subject of the Asiatic emigration question. As this is a subject which is assuming large proportions and which will eventually have to be discussed on a universal basis the debate ought to be a most interesting one. The Y.M.C.A. who selected the subject are to be congratulated on their foresight and courage in grappling with such a thorny problem.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FOR CHINESE EMPIRE.

Natural Difficulties of Interior To be Surmounted.

PEKING, Feb. 21.

The Board of Posts and Communications sent a despatch of an important nature to the Telegraph Administration, Shanghai, to-day.

The question of a wireless telegraph installation in the interior was pointed out by the Administration as one of the most important needs of China to-day. It is said the Board, practically impossible to establish an ordinary land line across the great deserts between Peking and the extreme North West (Hsing Chiang, Altai, etc.) but the natural difficulties could be surmounted by the use of wireless.

## RUSSIAN RESTRICTIONS ON ASIATICS.

With a view to reducing the influx of Koreans and Chinese into the Amur territory, it is proposed by the Russian Government to impose a residential tax of 10s. annually on adults, and 5s. on minors between the ages of ten and fifteen. Children under ten will be exempt from the tax. As the Koreans and Chinese have to pay for their own national foreign passports as well, it is expected that the new tax will deter many from entering Russian territory. Strict medical supervision will be exercised over the immigrants, and no crippled or diseased Koreans and Chinese will be admitted. The preamble of the Government Bill points to the demoralizing influence of the Koreans on the Russian peasant soldiers. "The Koreans are capital agriculturists, and they lease the peasants' land, thereby enabling the owners to live without working, and so encouraging idleness and intemperance among them. The Chinese immigrants mostly settle in the towns, where their presence is unwelcome owing to their lowering the rate of wages, and for hygienic reasons."—L. and O. Express.

During 1908, the Netherlands India forces found plenty of work in quelling rebellions in the islands of Celebes, Sumatra, Sumbawa and Timor. Official returns show that, in different engagements, 594 rebels were killed, but only eleven were wounded. This extraordinary disproportion points to very good marksmanship by the soldiers, or to no quarter being given. Just think of it, says a contemporary, 594 kills out of 605 hits!

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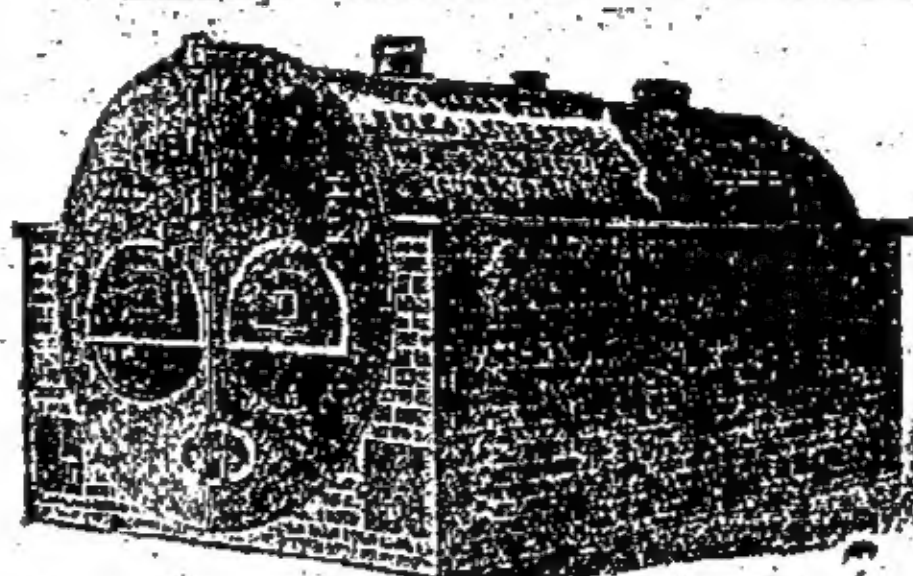
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN L. ANDREW,

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Hongkong, March 6, 1909.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Share-

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at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the

Report and Statement of Accounts for the

year ending 31st December, 1908.

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uneventful, as is shown by an account  
given by Lieutenant R. H. Rowe, R. A.,  
in the United Service Magazine, of a sol-  
dier's work in Southern Nigeria.

Owing to the peculiar nature of the

country, he says, special training is required

for the military force engaged in it, and

the climate and the limitations of transport

demanded qualities that white troops cannot

acquire. To operate against the enemy the

transport must be reduced to a minimum;

to operate successfully against the climate

the European's baggage must be of incon-

venient size, including filtering apparatus,

cooking outfit, imported food, and many

other necessities. The native soldier, on

the other hand, is able to carry on his

person almost everything necessary to his

comfort and well-being. He is able to

keep perfectly fit on a diet of yams, and

can drink with impunity water that would

have a disastrous effect on European troops.

No less remarkable are his powers of march-

ing, chiefly attributable to the fact that

he does not wear boots, the soles of his

feet being of a consistency resembling that

of wood. So far, as known among white

troops, do not exist for him, and he is

capable of marching twenty miles a day

with ease—a no light matter in the tropics.

All transport in Southern Nigeria is per-

formed by carriers, who are temporarily

enlisted for a campaign, provided with

number badges, and divided into gangs

under headmen. They can each carry a

load of sixty pounds with ease, and keep

up a very good pace. Horses and mules

are difficult to keep alive on account of

disease, chiefly caused by the tsetse fly.

The country is for the most part covered

by a dense bush through which it is im-

possible to see for more than a yard or so,

or move without first cutting a path. This

bush is interlarded by narrow and winding

native "bush paths," along which it is im-

possible to march except in single file, and

from which one is scarcely able to see a

yard into the growth on either side.

It is interesting to note that up-country

natives, when moving about a government

clearing or other open space, do so in single

file, so accustomed are they to being unable

to walk in any other formation. Columns

extend, therefore, a very great distance

from front to rear, and it is necessary to

reduce the number of carriers to a minimum

to prevent a force becoming unwieldy.

The troops are trained for bush fighting

by what is known as "Bush Drill," the

principle of which is as follows:—

The column is preceded, at a distance of

perhaps one hundred yards by a point or

group of four men under a native non-

commissioned officer, in charge of a

European officer or colour-sergeant. The

bush on either side of the column is searched

by flankers moving in pairs. As movement

through the bush necessitates continuous

cutting work with the machete, these

flankers have to be frequently relieved by

others, and in such a manner as to leave no

ground unexplored. The column is followed

by a rear point resembling the point proper.

The rate of march, with flankers in ordinary

bush, as may be imagined, is very slow.

The flankers are not employed, therefore,

unless the presence of the enemy is

suspected.

The bushman's method of warfare is

peculiar to the country. He generally cuts

a series of paths inside the bush and, hav-

ing hidden himself at a convenient spot

just off the main path, waits for the column

to pass. He takes a sniping shot at a range

of about one to five yards, and, without

waiting to ascertain the result, retreats

quickly by one of his paths, to reappear

later at a different point on the road for

another shot.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 24, Morrison Hill Road.

Meeting.

8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Institution of En-

gineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong,  
at Engineers Institute Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Herbert Withers Concert at

City Hall.

Miscellaneous

Goods per Kamakura Maru not cleared

on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 12—

9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at Mr. J. Y. V. Verano's resi-

dence, 'Newlands', 27, Conduit Road.

Goods per Benlucan undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 13—

Noon—Meeting of Geo. Fenwick &amp; Co.,

Ld., at Hongkong Hotel.

Goods per Fries Waldemar undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 15—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the

Public Works Department's Office.

9 p.m.—Military Band Concert at City

Hall.

FRIDAY, March 19—

11 a.m.—Fiftieth Half-Yearly Drawing

of Sixty-five Debentures of Hongkong

Club at Club House.

Noon—Meeting of China Sugar Refining

Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson

Co.'s Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Luxon Sugar Re-

fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,

Matheson Co.'s Office.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1909.

MANCHU AND CHINESE.

It is difficult for even the best placed

foreign observer to tell what is really

happening in Peking. So far the new

administration has entirely belied the

gloomy forebodings of those critics who

believed that the withdrawal of the

over-shadowing personality of the late

EMPEROR-DOWAGER would mean a general

break-up of the wide-spread Empire.

The shock to the administration caused

by the dramatic suddenness of the

downfall of YUAN SHI-KAI, the one

reputed strong man in China, has also

been much less than was anticipated

and to all intents and purposes the

PRINCE REGENT'S Government is gaining

strength daily. But there are rumours

that all is not well at Peking: that the

Court has become a worse hotbed of

intrigue and chicanery than it was in

the days of the EMPEROR-DOWAGER,

despite the steadily dwindling powers

of the Eunuch hierarchy. Reform

edicts and plans for reorganization of

various Boards and Departments, are

flowing forth in a plentiful stream, but

shrewd observers are not placing much

confidence in them and declare they can

have little value until the Government

seriously sets to work to reform the

finances of the Empire. This is the

urgent need of the hour, and not the

question as to whether or not the

Manchus shall hold the chief adminis-

trative posts above the third grade in

official rank to the ousting of the

Chinese. Unfortunately for the good

of the Empire it is the latter topic which

most engrosses men's minds in Peking

to-day. The EMPEROR-DOWAGER used

shrewdly to balance Manchu and

Chinese against each other in the

higher posts of the Empire and in so

doing maintained a possible equi-

librium, the opposing forces being kept

fairly quiet, if watchful, but the policy

of the new administration is different.

Obviously it is given out that the

PRINCE REGENT will call to his aid the

best men in China irrespective of their

nationality, but various small signs

show that the wind of Imperial favour

is most likely to blow in the direction

of the Manchus against the Chinese. We

have every sympathy with the Prince

in his terribly onerous task of

cleaning the Augean stables at Peking.

It is a task that would daunt the most

intrepid and well-wishers of China can

but hope that he will have strength

and courage to carry out the reforms

which he clearly contemplates. He has

invited free criticism—and we gather

has received it; he has granted free

access to his person; has dispensed with

all unnecessary forms and ceremonies,

and if rumour is to be believed is fol-

lowing the illustrious example of the Caliph

HAMUT AL RASUM of immortal memory

in moving about the city after nightfall

in disguise in order to ascertain how

things really are with his people.

But the best intentions in the world

are of no avail if not backed up by

moral force. Will the PRINCE RE-

GEN display this very essential quality

in the face of the bitter wrangling which

is now said to be going on daily between

Manchu and Chinese? This wrangling

if permitted to continue much longer

must inevitably have the effect of wreck-

ing all schemes of reform no matter how

subtly planned. It would seem that

the intense distrust of each other en-

gendered by the rival factions is already

responsible for much of the indecision

noticeable in the policy of the central

government at the present moment. A

strong personality of course would soon

evolve means for checking the mischief:

can we reasonably hope that such sim-

ness of character is possessed by Prince

CHENG? Time alone can show, but mean-

while China is getting deeper and

deeper into the quagmire of financial

troubles into which her incompetence

and pride have plunged her.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We are informed by the Colonial

Secretary that quarantine regulations have

been imposed at Orissa ports against

arrivals from Hongkong.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of

Schools, has kindly consented to preside

at the annual prize distribution in connection

with the Victoria British School, at noon

to-morrow.

At the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Thursday,

the 11th inst., at 8 p.m., Dr. K. T. Ho will

give a lecture on the subject, "Infection

and Prevention of the Plague." Men are

invited to attend.

Since the introduction of English edu-

cation among the girls of the White Jew

community in Coochin a few years ago,

there has been an intelligent appreciation

of the benefits among them. One of the

successful candidates in the recent Matricu-

lation Examination, Miss A. Hallegan,

belongs to a rich and influential family of

White Jews. She appeared as a private

candidate.

Statistics just published in Holland

show a marked increase of deaths from

cancer in that country. But the figures do

not state how many old residents from

Netherlands India are included in the re-

turns. The Batavia Nieuwsblad points

out the need for some such information

from its being a matter of common ob-

servation that many former residents of

Netherlands India die of cancer in the

home country.

The inaugural ball given in the Carnival

auditorium at Manila on the 4th inst in

honour of President Taft was a great suc-

cess. In the course of the evening the

Executive Committee sent out the following

telegram:—To President Taft, Washing-

ton:—"Participants Manila inaugural ball

hail their old chief as their new chief.

Heartily wish him all success." To Mr.

Taft, Washington:—"Participants Manila

inaugural ball unite in affectionately greet-

ing the first lady of the land."

A Canadian named Rutherford, who

was head of the boring department in

the oilfields at Pangkajene in East Sumatra,

has just been done to death there, says a

Sumatra Journal. He could never agree with an

undulating named Janssen, who was of a sul-

lun disposition. Janssen went to the

manager and sent in his resignation, which

was refused, and went away threatening to

hold the manager responsible for the con-

sequences. The next day Rutherford and

Janssen again had words. Janssen took

up a gun he had with him for shooting

wild pigs, and shot down Rutherford.

Janssen was at once arrested and taken to

Deli. Rutherford was of middle age, and

leaves a widow. He was much respected,



## THE BALKANS TROUBLE.

## NO DISCUSSION IN THE DUMA.

(Reuter Service, supplied by Reuter, via Howday.)  
London, March 9.

M. Stolypin (President of the Council of Ministers) and M. Isvolsky (Minister for Foreign Affairs) have convinced the leaders of the parties in the Duma, that a discussion on the situation in the Balkans would be inopportune and dangerous owing to the violent speeches that might be expected from the Opposition.

## NEW DUTCH MINISTER TO PEKING.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail: Copyright protected under Ordinance of 1894.)  
London, March 10.

Jonkheer Beelcoorte van Blokkland, son of the late Transvaal representative to Europe, has been appointed Dutch Minister at Peking.

## ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The comrades of the s.s. Kwong Tai was to-day fined \$20, at the Magistrate's, by Mr. J. H. Kemp for failing to stamp the ship's receipt for goods consigned to Wuchow, the freight of which was only 20 cents.

Five boatmen were each fined \$5, by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, to-day, for failing to keep the rules of their boats out of the water; while a boatman was also fined \$5 for not carrying the regulation light.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Private Hancock, of the Buffs, was charged with assaulting a rickshaw coolie. It was stated that defendant gave the coolie one cent for his fare and when the latter asked for more the soldier struck him a blow on the mouth, knocking out two teeth and cutting his jaw. The case was remanded for the production of an absent witness.

## VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPE.

The large number of patrons of the Victoria Cinematograph are being nightly favoured with a very interesting and high-class entertainment at the hands of such artists as Jessie Thorne and Steve Adams. Their success is unquestionable and from first to last they keep the audience in continual merriment as one witicism succeeds the other, each outdoing its predecessor, and provoking loud applause. The dancing of this celebrated comedy duo is superb and meets with hearty appreciation, both artists being encased. If it were only for this turn alone the Victoria Cinematograph is well worth a visit but the excellent programmes are greatly enhanced by the recitations of Miss Cecile Verard who receives a great ovation. The pictures are especially funny and include "French volunteers," "A duel," "Night out," "The detective Carter on the jewellery robbery," "Magnificent," "Peculiar will," "Lily, first prize," "Jack has no clothes," and "The winner of the lottery."

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st March, 1909.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.	
1908.	1909.
Upper Reservoir, 30 ft. 4 in. below overflow	36 ft. 6 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 27 ft. 7 in. below overflow	33 ft. 8 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 24 ft. 10 in. below overflow	31 ft. 1 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 21 ft. 3 in. below overflow	28 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 18 ft. 6 in. below overflow	25 ft. 7 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 15 ft. 9 in. below overflow	22 ft. 10 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 12 ft. 12 in. below overflow	19 ft. 1 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 9 ft. 15 in. below overflow	16 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 6 ft. 18 in. below overflow	13 ft. 7 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 3 ft. 21 in. below overflow	10 ft. 10 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 0 ft. 24 in. below overflow	7 ft. 1 in. below overflow

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District during the month of February.

1908.	1909.
Estimated population, 122,390,000	122,390,000
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Constant supply in all districts during February 1908.

Intermittent supply by tide main in Rider main districts during February 1909.

The return of consumption is subject to error owing to the difficulty of accurate measurement whilst the extension works at Albany Filter Bed are in progress.

ROYALTY WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1908.	1909.
Upper Reservoir, 30 ft. 4 in. below overflow	36 ft. 6 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 27 ft. 7 in. below overflow	33 ft. 8 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 24 ft. 10 in. below overflow	31 ft. 1 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 21 ft. 3 in. below overflow	28 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 18 ft. 6 in. below overflow	25 ft. 7 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 15 ft. 9 in. below overflow	22 ft. 10 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 12 ft. 12 in. below overflow	19 ft. 1 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 9 ft. 15 in. below overflow	16 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 6 ft. 18 in. below overflow	13 ft. 7 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 3 ft. 21 in. below overflow	10 ft. 10 in. below overflow
Upper Reservoir, 0 ft. 24 in. below overflow	7 ft. 1 in. below overflow

Consumption of water in Kowloon during the month of February.

1908.	1909.
Estimated population, 122,390,000	122,390,000
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The Government analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHAN, Water Authority.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

The twenty-second ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., King's Building, to-day.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were present, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. G. Barratt, A. S. D. Conneland, J. W. O. Bonnar, G. E. Frisland, C. S. Gublay, H. Helms, H. A. Siels, R. Shelton, directors; Capt. F. A. Brown, P. Smyth, W. H. Wickham, H. Forster, H. Rook, A. H. Ough, W. S. Brown, Mr. W. S. Smith and Mr. R. J. Macgowan, acting secretary.

The acting secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—The report and accounts having been in your hands for several days I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. You will probably have observed that the accounts are presented in a somewhat different form from previous years, bringing them into line with those of other companies. Profit and loss account is debited direct with the amount spent during the year on repairs, which were unusually heavy owing to the disastrous typhoon which visited the Colony in July, and to dredging operations having become necessary to meet the requirements of the larger vessels now berthing at the wharves. As you will see from the figures before you the total expenditure under these headings amounted to the very large sum of \$84,000.

The balance of profit and loss account is \$81,016.67, from which your directors recommend that \$50,000 be written off against the Company's losses in the typhoon of September 1906, in which the Company lost all its wharves except one, a large number of lighters were built, partly to replace those lost in the typhoon, but principally to enable the company to continue its business while the wharves were being reconstructed. The lighters, of course, cost more than they would have done in normal times which explains why it is necessary to write off a large amount. The sum of \$50,000, which it is proposed to write off, represents some old stock of coal now practically worthless. The balance of \$31,016.67 is proposed to carry forward to new account. For the first time in the company's existence your directors are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend. I do not think this is a case of a surprise, any of you. It has been generally known that stocks of every description of cargo, and especially of yarn and piece goods, have been diminishing month by month. Two years ago 150,000 bales of yarn were stored with us, and our capacity was taxed to the utmost. During last year the stock fell to 20,000 bales, and though we closed up the empty godowns and cut down expenses in every direction it has been impossible to make up for the loss in storage earnings, which amounted to \$124,000. Our earnings were less by \$25,000; on the other hand we reduced our expenses over \$40,000. The condition of trade, not only in this Colony but throughout the world, is well known to all of you. I need not enlarge upon the effects which it has had upon our business, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be glad to reply to any questions which you may wish to ask. Regarding the future, I may say that the accounts for January compare favourably with those of last year, and there are indications that an improvement in business is setting in, in which this Company may reasonably hope to participate.

There being no question the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. H. P. Smith said:—I sincerely trust that the closing sentiments of your speech may be a "silver lining to a more golden cloud." I feel that in the near future when the railway is an accomplished fact that we may hope for better times.

The appointment of Messrs. E. A. Hewitt, E. G. Barrett, C. S. Gublay, J. W. O. Bonnar, O. Broderick and W. Helms to the Board of Directors was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Wickham seconded by Mr. J. W. Smith.

On the motion of Mr. A. Turner seconded by Capt. Roffe, Messrs. E. Shelton and A. S. D. Conneland were re-elected directors. Captain Brown proposed and Mr. P. Smyth seconded, and it was agreed to elect Messrs. H. Helms and A. O. D. Gublay re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance.

THE BUFFS SPORTS.

In connection with the Buffs Regimental sports which are to be held on the 17th inst., the preliminary heats were run off to-day. The results were:—

220 Yards, Scratch 1st Heat.—1st, Lance-Corpl. Champion; 2nd, Pt. Bench; 3rd, Pt. Elliot. 2nd Heat.—1st, Pt. White; 2nd, Pt. Miller; 3rd, Pt. Wells. The finishes were very close.

Half mile race.—1st, Lance-Corpl. Andrews; 2nd, Lance-Corpl. Reed; 3rd, Lance-Corpl. Kepp. Eleven starters turned up for this race and it was very exciting one. Lance-Corpl. Andrews winning by about thirty yards, the time being 2 m. 3 sec.

Throwing the cricket ball.—1st, Pt. Ellison; 2nd, Pt. White; 3rd, Pt. Hinton.

CANTON AGITATORS.

The effect of the recent meeting of Cantonese in Shanghai, when the Peking affair was violently discussed, is making itself apparent in Canton. On Monday a very large meeting of busy-bodies was held when speeches were delivered on the Peking affair—wherein a Chinese passenger was wrongly supposed to have been hurried out of life through the alleged brutality of a Portuguese ticket collector. The men at the bottom of this agitation are dangerous, pure and simple, and the Victoria would do well to prevent their mischievous influence from developing any further or into a more dangerous phase.

RHEUMATISM.

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SPORTING.

## Hongkong Polo Club Tournament.

After having been twice postponed on account of bad weather, the first round in the Hongkong Polo Club tournament was opened at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon. Even then the climatic conditions were not all that could be desired, and the result was that the attendance was not very large. But those who were present saw some capital sport. There were four matches down for decision, but by reason of the absence of some of the players only two were contested. During the afternoon a number of musical selections were rendered by the Buffs Band, while the members of the Club were "At Home" to their friends.

The "A" and "B" teams of the Buffs first took the field, the sides being as follows:—"A" team: Lieut. H. P. Potter, W. H. Green, J. Crookenden, and Capt. S. Barker. "B" team: Lieut. P. G. Scarlett, C. E. Davidson, H. D. Colman, Morley, and R. P. World. It was soon apparent that the "A" men were the superior lot, and at the first trial they scored three goals without response, the points being obtained by Lieut. Green, Potter, and Crookenden. On the opening of the second chukka the "B" did a little better for a time, but the "A" team at length bore down upon them, and goals were put on by Green (two), Potter (two), and Crookenden. The game therefore ended in a win for the "A" team by 8 goals to nil.

Civilians and Buffs "C" met in the next game, the sides being:—Civilians: Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. Dupree, Gedge, and Ross; Buffs "C": Lieut. Studd, Capt. Baird, Colonel Bayard, and Major Eaton. The teams seemed to be well matched at the opening, and for a time neither side had the advantage. Then the Civilians pressed, and eventually the ball came off Dupree's pony and shot between the posts. The equalizing point was soon put on by Colonel Bayard, and before the bugle called a halt Dupree had put the Civilians ahead once more. The Civilians got in more good play on re-commencing, while on one occasion the Buffs got away and registered an offside point. The pressure was maintained by the Civilians, and when time came they were a further goal in hand, this having been scored by Gedge. Result: Civilians, 3; Buffs "C", 1.

Weather permitting, the 13th Rajputs will this afternoon meet the Polo Club "B" team, play to start at 5.15 p.m.

The Polo tournament which was to have been continued this evening was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Rugby Football.

## LONDON LETTER.

## (From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, February 9.

In these days we have all sorts of cures for all sorts of ailments. If there is any doubt about that, just tell everybody you meet you have a cold, or a headache, or anything down to housemaid's knee—and see what a crop of positive cures will spring up.

I am led to begin my letter thus because of the recommendation of curdled milk for opium habitues. I get this recommendation from a gentleman living in Paddington, who has lived for years in the poppy growing districts of India. He is a champion of the Indian ryots, and often writes to the papers here on their behalf but finds the hearts of editors hard.

Now he has been moved by the publication of the Opium Commissioners' report on the Straits Settlements to give his opinions on the opium habit. His name is Donald Norman Reid.

He writes:—"I want in this letter to impress upon the British public the fact that opium is a poor man's crop, which is peculiarly suited to the conditions prevailing in Behar. And though many worthy people will be shocked at my writing in praise of the cultivation of the opium poppy crop, I may as well tell them that until malaria has been stamped out by scientific methods of farming it is folly to think of curtailing the use of opium in China and in India, since opium is a prophylactic against fever."

"The deaths from fever alone in India in the year 1901 amounted to 4,174,919, although that year was a comparatively healthy one; and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that this death roll would have been largely reduced by the free use of opium and curdled milk."

"Teach the Chinese to take curdled milk, and I am convinced that opium smoking will then become a blessing in disguise. Superior persons may smile at this statement; but the fact remains that in Behar, where the poppy is cultivated in every village, the number of opium smokers may be counted on one's fingers. Moreover, during all the years that I spent in India among the poppy cultivators, I never heard of a case in which death was caused by opium."

"On the other hand I can remember several cases of suicide among Europeans suffering from malaria who had been treated only with quinine."

"Under these circumstances, why not send a batch of opium smoking Chinamen from the Straits Settlements to Behar to be taught the value of curdled milk in conjunction with the use of opium? These Chinamen would be useful employed in Behar as gardeners and in rearing pigs for the favourite food of John Chinamen, while at the same time supplying the markets of Behar with fish and fish gano."

Here is another good word for the Chinese. Mr. E. B. Osborn writing in the periodical, Canada, declares that in Canada the same disease is not felt for the Chinaman as for the Japanese, the Chinaman being honest, sober, industrious, and not really unclean in his habits. He has a genius for domestic pursuits, and when he is employed as a cook, takes great pride in the cleanliness of his kitchen, and has been known to give notice when his employers refrained from entertaining freely. Without him the white woman would be a white slave throughout British Columbia; as things are, her life is often an endless round of work and worry.

The Parliamentary session that is just about to open will be a stormy one, without a doubt. There are divisions among the Liberals among the Conservatives, among the Labour men, and, to a less degree, among the Nationalists. The suggestion I made in a previous letter that the election may very likely come in May seems to be held by many well known publicists to judge by the letters that are reaching the papers as to the results of the Lords trying, as there is a possibility, to meddle with the Budget, in spite of the rule that the Commons are supreme in matters of finance.

Not only that, but the elevation of Mr. Thomas Shaw to the Lords means that an extreme advocate of Scottish law reforms and of the reform of the Upper Chamber itself, thus goes to the Guilded Chamber to tell the peers just how their shortcomings are regarded by the members of the other House. So the friction is likely to be grinding in both Houses this time.

Then there is the question of the naval strength. The pantheists may have a good case this time for strengthening the fleet, but they are driving the war-with-Germany idea to absurd lengths in the opinion of many impartial men.

This is not so much a party question as most matters. There is a majority on both sides probably for a strong navy, but there is also on both sides an intellectual and industrial body of men who look with disgust on the methods adopted by the Harmsworth press to embitter the relations of two great nations. If a war should ever result, which I for one do not believe it will be largely due to the poison distributed in print every morning and every evening by the soulless combination of papers controlled by Lord Northcliffe. He has many aims and against journalistic propriety in his conduct but none would equal that in the ruin and devastation that would result from such a needless conflict.

As to the navy, the question runs, shall we have seven new Dreadnoughts or less? With the prospect of a deficit in the Budget of sixteen millions sterling, and a host of new expenditures to provide for, the lot of Mr. Lloyd George is not a happy one. But the reports that there is a division in the Cabinet over the naval policy is emphatically denied.

As to the defence army, it is at last booming. The situation has been saved by the playing wiser by Major Du Maurier, son of the famous author of "Trilby." His brother Mr. Du Maurier, the actor, is producing this play, "An Englishman's Home," at Wyndham's Theatre. The halfpenny press has boomed it to the skies, and the result is that all the seats are booked for weeks ahead. That is very excellent, and there has been a great spirit given to recruiting for the Territorial Army, but I am afraid the play is really rather cheap and toady sentiment laid on with a trowel. However, that does not matter much, so long as the result is good, and the slack youths of England decide to wake up and go through their training. Many large firms, to encourage their employees to join, are promising more holidays with full pay, and preference in promotion and selection, to those who belong to the Territorials. Altogether, the play mentioned seems to be "doing the trick" after all "other means" of saving the country from conscription have failed. One funny thing is that the half penny Conservative papers, having praised the play and the enlistment growth without stint, have rubbed the Liberal papers of offensive criticism, for to condemn either of these things would be to strike a blow at a Liberal army scheme. It is an awkward position for them, and they are squirming in it, clearly uncomfortable. Some of the old Conservative penny papers too are something of a hole, for their dramatic criticism on the opening night of the play, treated it from a dramatic standpoint only, and found it most woefully wanting. Then the national defence idea popped up and the boom of the play started, so that these good old organs of public opinion have been backtracking ever since in an attempt to get back to the current phases of public thought.

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new expenditures to provide for, the lot of Mr. Lloyd George is not a happy one.

But the reports that there is a division in the Cabinet over the naval policy is emphatically denied.

As to the defence army, it is at last booming. The situation has been saved by the playing wiser by Major Du Maurier, son of the famous author of "Trilby."

His brother Mr. Du Maurier, the actor, is producing this play, "An Englishman's Home," at Wyndham's Theatre. The halfpenny press has boomed it to the skies, and the result is that all the seats are booked for weeks ahead. That is very excellent, and there has been a great spirit given to recruiting for the Territorial Army, but I am afraid the play is really rather cheap and toady sentiment laid on with a trowel. However, that does not matter much, so long as the result is good, and the slack youths of England decide to wake up and go through their training. Many large firms, to encourage their employees to join, are promising more holidays with full pay, and preference in promotion and selection, to those who belong to the Territorials. Altogether, the play mentioned seems to be "doing the trick" after all "other means" of saving the country from conscription have failed. One funny thing is that the half penny Conservative papers, having praised the play and the enlistment growth without stint, have rubbed the Liberal papers of offensive criticism, for to condemn either of these things would be to strike a blow at a Liberal army scheme. It is an awkward position for them, and they are squirming in it, clearly uncomfortable. Some of the old Conservative penny papers too are something of a hole, for their dramatic criticism on the opening night of the play, treated it from a dramatic standpoint only, and found it most woefully wanting. Then the national defence idea popped up and the boom of the play started, so that these good old organs of public opinion have been backtracking ever since in an attempt to get back to the current phases of public thought.

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DELHI 8000	April 3	MALWA 11000	May 1	May 8
DEVANHA 8000	April 17	MONGOLIA 10000	May 15	May 22
ASSAYE 7500	May 1	MARMORA 10500	May 29	June 5
DELTA 8000	May 15	INDIA 8000	June 13	June 18
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TJIMAH	JAVA	Do.	AMOI	Do.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of March	SHANGHAI	Second half of March
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8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
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12.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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